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The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at eleven of the clock with the Hon'ble the President A. F. W. DIXON ESQ., C.I.E., I.C.S., in the Chair.

Messrs. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government), Ismail Hajee Essa Sait, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan and L. M. Pylee were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

PRESIDENT, NARAKKAL PANCHAYAT—WANT OF CONFIDENCE—RESOLUTIONS REGARDING

76. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there had been two public meetings at Narakkal expressing lack of confidence in the Panchayat President of the Narakkal Panchayat ;

(*b*) if so, any action taken in the matter ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No special action was taken.

77. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether a resolution was passed at a meeting of the panchayatdars of the Narakkal Panchayat expressing want of confidence in the President ;

(*b*) if so, what action was taken in the matter ;

(*c*) is the Narakkal Panchayat functioning now ;

(*d*) has there been any meeting of the Panchayat under the presidentship of the Southern Division Panchayat Overseer; if so, what is the reason for the same ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No special action was taken on the resolution.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes. Because the majority of the members represented that they could not conduct any business in co-operation with the President.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)* : Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to try to effect an amicable settlement between the Members and the President.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : I tried my best to effect an amicable settlement and I think the Panchayat is functioning now although the majority of members has not got confidence in the President. There is no provision in the Panchayat Act to remove a President if a no-confidence motion is passed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : In the new Act that is being drafted, could not a provision for such action be made?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : For the information of the House I may say there is a proposal to include this provision also in the new Act.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)* : It is stated here "No special action was taken". May I know whether any significance is attached to that answer?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : Action means we made enquiries. The Director went to the place. I myself visited the place. We tried our best to effect an amicable settlement. Special action means, in view of the resolution, we ought to have removed him. But the Act does not contain any provision to do so. So the Government was helpless. That is the significance of that "Special Action".

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